



Press Release

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**"Can the United States Lead the World Out of the Worst Economic Crisis in Seventy-Five Years?"**

An important part of the Council's mission is to support the future success of Jacksonville as an international trading center and ensure that our citizens are informed participants in the First Coast's business and economic policy debates. The Global Business Luncheons offer invaluable insight into international political, economic, business and financial trends - information that is important to First Coast businesses as they make both short and long term development, staffing and investment decisions.

On behalf of that World Affairs Council of Jacksonville, I would like to announce that Steven R. Weisman, editorial director and public policy fellow of the Peterson Institute for International Economics and former chief international economics correspondent of the *New York Times*, will be the guest speaker at a timely Global Business Luncheon at The River Club, 1 East Independent Drive on Tuesday, Feb. 10 from noon until 1:30 pm.

The topic of discussion will be, *"Can the United States Lead the World Out of the Worst Economic Crisis in Seventy-Five Years?"*

Table Sponsorship for 10 is available for \$1,000.00. Individual tickets are available for purchase for \$45.00 each for Council members and \$65.00 each for non-members. Please call the Council office at (904)280-8162 or visit our website at [www.worldaffairscounciljax.org](http://www.worldaffairscounciljax.org) to purchase tickets.

This event is supported by Water Street Capital, The Haskell Company, Jacksonville University, SunTrust Bank, North Florida, The St. Joe Company, The Holmes Organisation Private Client Group and Mayo Clinic.

The Media Sponsor is the *Jacksonville Business Journal*.

Please see the attached bio. and photo for Mr. Weisman.

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